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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/084,709	Applicant(s) Boyle	
	Examiner Jim Clinger	Art Unit 2821	

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on May 5, 2003

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 12-30 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 12-19 and 22-28 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 20, 21, 29, and 30 is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on Feb 25, 2002 is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (e) the invention was described in-
 - (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or
 - (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

2. Claims 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pankinaho(6,498,586).

Claim 12, figure 13 discloses a planar patch with an asymmetrically dividing slot between a first section(103) and a second section(102), a first radio circuit connected(107) to the first section, and a second circuit(S2 & C2) connected(108) at a ground point.

Claim 13, the slot disclosed in figure 13 is between the feed and ground points(107 & 108).

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 14-19 and 22-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pankinaho in view of Saito(EP 0,993,070).

Claim 14, Pankinaho does not disclose a second circuit connected to a first section ground point. Figure 4 of Saito discloses ground connections(5 & 6) for a patch which run through circuitry for changing the operating frequency of the antenna(abstract).

Claims 15-16 and 23-24, the slot disclosed in figure 13 of Pankinaho asymmetrically divides the patch(102 & 103) as recited.

Claim 17, a switch(7) and a passive circuit(8) are disclosed in figure 4 of Saito.

Claim 18, figure 13 of Pankinaho discloses a switch(S2) and a passive circuit(C3) in the third circuit.

Claim 19, if the first section in figure 13 of Pankinaho is grounded, then the slot will be between the ground points of the first and second sections.

Claim 22, the second section disclosed in figure 13 of Pankinaho is connected at a second feed point to the feed(107).

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Claims 25-27, the feed circuitry connected to the feed(107) disclosed in figure 13 of Pankinaho includes a filters as recited since the antenna and connected circuitry are a multiband system.

Claim 28, the slot disclosed in figure 13 of Pankinaho is positioned as recited.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use a ground connection as disclosed in Saito with the first section of the patch antenna disclosed in Pankinaho to change the operating frequency of the antenna as disclosed in Saito.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 20-21 and 29-30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 20-21 and 29-30 are primarily distinguished over the prior art by the limitations concerning the second slot dividing the first section into a third and fourth section electrically connected as recited.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 12-19 and 22-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Correspondence

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Jim Clinger whose phone number is (703) 305-0619.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer".